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P376 Lysostaphin efficacy for treatment of <u>Staphylococcus aureus</u> intramammary infection. P.M. Sears*, B.S. Smith, J. Polak, and S.N. Gusik, and P. Blackburn, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY and Public Health Research Institute/Applied Microbiology, Inc., New York, NY.

Clone-derived lysostaphin was evaluated as to its bacteriocidal effect on S. aureus intramammary infections. S. aureus (Newbould-305) was eliminated from glands of guinea pigs 48 hrs post-infection by 125 mcg of lysostaphin in 14/16, 25 mcg in 5/8, 5 mcg in 5/10, 1 mcg in 0/1, and 0 mcg in 0/3. Glands infected with S. aureus at 48 hrs post-challenge in untreated guinea pigs persisted; however 3/25 control glands of treated guinea pigs cleared in response to treatment of the adjacent gland.

Somatic cell/ml in the guinen pig shifted from 10's x10³ pre-infected glands to cell counts greater than 1.0 x10⁶ following S. auxens inoculation. Treatment with lysostaphin caused a neutrophilic shift in the treated gland to levels exceeding 100 x10⁶ accompanied by an increase in the adjacent non-treated gland but dropped sharply to pre-treatment level. The greatest response in control glands was observed in animals receiving 125 mcg which corresponded to 2/25 clearance of S. auxens in control glands.

The leukocytic response to intramammary treatment in the cow is similar to the guinea pig model described above. Somatic cell levels increased ten fold in S. aureus infected glands at the milking following treatment. Cell levels returned to pre-treatment levels or lower in subsequent milkings. A rise in leukocytes alone could not account for clearance of the infection.

P377 The effect of a hydraulic milking device on milking rate, milk yield and transfer of bacteria between quarters in dairy cows. L. M. Rode*, D. S. Croy, R. C. Phillippe and K.-J. Cheng. Agriculture Canada, Lethbridge, Alberta, and Alberta Agriculture, Lethbridge, Alberta.

Sixteen cous in midlactation were used in a crossover design, with two periods of 21 days, to determine the effectiveness of a hydraulic milking device (Hydramast[®], Deosan Ltd., Rorthampton, U.K.). Milk yield was measured every 15 seconds until milk flow ceased. Milk yield was 5.1 and 4.8 kg (P < 0.01) after 120 seconds and 7.4 and 7.2 kg (P < 0.01) after 180 seconds, for Hydramast-milked (H) and control (C) cows, respectively. Total milking time was 311 and 317 seconds for H and C respectively, and unaffected by treatment. Total milk yield was lower (P < 0.01) for H than C cows (10.4 vs. 10.9 kg per day). There was a time x treatment interaction (P < 0.01) for 120 and 180 second milk yield and total milking time. Cows adapted to the Hydramast device by milking faster. Transfer of a noninfectious Rhyzobium marker bacteria was reduced but not prevented by the Hydramast device.

P378 Influence of use of LDESA or iodophor teat dip on staphylococcal prevalence and new Staphylococcus sureus infection rate. R.J. Harmon*, B.E. Langlois, K. Akers, W.L. Crist and R.W. Harman. University of Kentucky, Lexington.

All cors in a university dairy herd (R = 113) were paired by breed, age, stage of lactation, and quarter infection status and randomly assigned to a group receiving either 1% iodophor (I) or 1.940 linear dodzeyl benzene sulfonic acid (LDSSA) teat dip. Duplicate quarter samples were taken biromthly over the 12 months completed. There was a slight decline in congulars-negative Standylococcus spp. prevalence in both groups but little difference between groups. S. extrems prevalence increased from 8.3% to 12.3% (of quarters) in the LDSSA group and declined from 8.7% to 3.0% in the I group. Number of new S. aureus infections for LDSSA and I were 45 and 7 and new infection (NI) rates (NI/100 cow-days) were .215 and .033. Although more S. aureus infected coxs in the LDSSA group left the herd, more S. aureus infections appeared to be spontameously eliminated from the I group during lactation. The MI rate for S. aureus in the LDSSA group was similar to that observed in published studies, but I was more effective in this herd in limiting NI by S. aureus.